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Kiwanis Bucket Brigade returns for 2021

pandemic.

The Wabash Kiwanis supports Hospital for Children with its 24th annual Bucket Brigade fundraiser from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31 at the following times and locations: 7 to 10 a.m. at Modoc's Market, 205 S. Miami St.; 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Fried Egg, 1319 N. Cass St.; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Walmart of Wabash, 1601 N. Cass St.; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wabash Hardware & Rental, 1351 N. Cass St.; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bechtol Grocery, 120 Hale Drive. Supporters may also send a check to the Wabash Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 699, Wabash, IN 46992, "Bucket Brigade' listed in the memo line. For more information, email eseaman@ honeywellfoundation.org.

Beacon Credit Union concludes its **10th Annual Project Spotlight Voting**

Beacon Credit Union's Project Spotlight voting runs through Saturday, July 31. Everyone in the community is encouraged to vote for their favorite cause either online or in their local Beacon Member Center. Visit https://www.beaconcu.org/ project-spotlight/ for more information.

INDOT begins maintenance work on Indiana 13 bridge over Mississinewa

INDOT announced bridge maintenance work would soon begin on Indiana 13 over the Mississinewa

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MCS looking for new superintendent

Teresa Gremaux is now at East Noble, while Steve Darnell is serving at MCS in interim

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Manchester Community Schools (MCS) is currently in the process of searching for a new superintendent Self. Teresa Gremaux informed

On June 30, MCS communications director Randy ed to accept employment their interim superintendent.

plans late last month.

with another school corporation.

"The board appreciates the time that Dr. Gremaux has spent at MCS and wishes her nothing but the best," said

On Thursday, MCS board the board of her resignation president David Terflinger said Gremaux is now the superintendent of East Noble School Corporation, and that Self said Gremaux said she the MCS board had since had been offered and intend- appointed Steve Darnell as

resignation, MCS has posted the superintendent's position in the hopes of finding the best candidates and to fill the role as soon as possible. The board is committed to serving the community and providing the very best educators for its students," said

Terflinger said they had also already enlisted outside

"We hired a consultant to assist in the search for a new superintendent," said Ter-

Darnell is a retired superin-

"In anticipation of a formal tendent, most recently from tions and guidance Southern Wells Community Schools in 2020. Before that, Darnell was superintendent at East Washington School Corporation from 2012 to 2016, superintendent at Smith-Green Community Schools from 2009 to 2012, principal at Lancaster Central Elementary School from 2005 to 2009 and assistant principal and athletic director at Norwell Middle School from 1998 to 2005.

Darnell is now employed by Administrative Assistance, of Brookston, which provides "assistance, solu-

schools in their day to day operations through a network of successful, retired school administrators."

Self said while the past year had been challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCS was "extremely proud of the continued work of the teachers, staff and students.'

"In spite of all the challenges, great things continued to happen at MCS. Through a long and detailed process, all schools in MCS have been

Feeding students, even through the summer



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Throughout the summer, local MSD families were able to pick up five day's worth of breakfasts and lunches for each child in their household weekly through Wednesday, July 28 at two locations, including Northfield High School.

Local schools worked to address food insecurity, despite classes being out

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

During the summer months, when school is out of session, students who are food insecure still need to

To address this ongoing need in the community, local school corporations have once again stepped up to fill the gaps between the last day of the old school year and the first day of the new one.

through 18 throughout the nity.' MSD area.

Throughout the summer, families were able to pick up five day's worth of breakfasts and lunches for each

met the age criteria weekly food service director Melathrough Wednesday, July 28 at both Northfield High School and Southwood High School.

On Thursday, July 29, MSD superintendent Mike Keaffaber said this summer, breakfast meals and 10,560 lunch meals, for a total of 21,120 meals.

"The summer food program this year was changed to allow us to serve from our high schools so we do not have a comparison," said This summer, the MSD Keaffaber. "We appreciate Summer Food Program pro- our food service department vided weekly meals free of for making this possible for charge for children ages 1 the children in the commu-

Wabash City Schools' (WCS) summer food prochild in their household that Wednesday, July 28, said right down here and eat it."

nie Honeycutt on Tuesday, July 27.

a total of 15,746 meals in tion manager Becky Landes June 2021, compared to said their summer meal pro-27,848 meals in June 2020.

the district served 10,560 a lot of meals this June, we tion date set for Wednesday, did significantly more last school year," said Honeycutt. "Times were definitely a lot worse last summer. I want to thank everyone that has helped with the Summer Food Program, as well as all those that participated in the final July or August numbers program.'

> Honeycutt said there were "so many amazing stories exceed their normal volume that stem from the feeding of meals served. program."

"One that stands out to me: Handing a little boy, who was about 7, his food.

On Monday, July 26, Manchester Community Schools Honeycutt said they served (MCS) food service operagram was still going on, with "Even though we served their last five-day distribu-Aug. 4.

> Landes said before the COVID-19 pandemic, they would serve approximately 10,000 meals per summer.

> Landes said that even though they wouldn't have available for another few weeks, they would certainly

"This year in June alone, we served approximately 20,000 meals," said Landes. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Deal-He says, 'Oh, thank you so er editor, may be reached by email gram also concluded on much, I love this. I could sit at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.

See MCS, page A3 **ISDH**

reports 84th local COVID-19 death

Delta variant surges throughout the state, nation

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

During Wednesday's Indiana State Department of Health's (ISDH) weekly update, Wabash County's COVID-19 advisory level was lowered from yellow, the second-lowest level, to blue, the lowest level.

However, local cases have been steadily rising this week, and the 84th Wabash County COVID-19 death was reported Thursday.

"All deaths posted to the dashboard today were reported within the past 24 hours," said ISDH media relations coordinator Megan

Wade-Taxter. Most of the recent cases in the state have tested positive

for one of the virus variants. Variants are different strains of a virus, such as SARS-CoV-2 – the virus that causes COVID-19 that arise as a virus mutates or changes, according to the

ISDH. Since being first identified in the spring, these variants have been given names of Greek letters.

"Some of the spreading variants are concerning because they can be spread much more easily than other strains and can cause more severe infection. These are called variants of concern and include B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), P.1 (Gamma), B.1.427 and 1.429 (Epsilon), and B.1.617.2

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WCS continuing Safe School Helpline service

Students, parents, the community may report concerns anonymously

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As Wabash High School (WHS) begins a new school year, a service that allows anonymous reporting of concerns will once again be day.

available, said assistant principal Jeff Galley, on Thurs-Galley said they would be continuing their partnership with Safe School Helpline "because providing open and

for Wabash City Schools (WCS). "We all know that oc-

casionally there are times when students, parents or community members would like to provide information to one of our corporation's schools or administrations but hesitate because they do not want their identities known," said Galley.

Galley said Safe School Helpline allows students, parents and the community to report any threats of violence, depression or illegal activity "that could jeopardize the safety of our chil-

dren, staff or school." "Whether it is a student direct communication with who fears being labeled by our community has long their peers or a community

been a standard practice" member who worries about voice. Each call is private, vandalism in retaliation for reporting a crime, possession or use of drugs or alcohol, reckless driving, or any other illegal activity, Safe School Helpline provides a solution," said Galley.

Galley said the Safe School Helpline uses a "unique, automated telephone service

which allows callers to report an allegation, concern or suggestion confidentially and anonymously." protected in all circumstances," said Galley. "He or

is transcribed and then re-

"The caller's identity is she is never asked to give a name. The person's message

operator hears the caller's tremely cost-worthy.'

with all reports being sent to school administration for an immediate investigation." Galley said if a crime

such as possession of a weapon – would be reported, the WCS superintendent would be notified immediately, day or night, as well as any other necessary school officials or local agencies.

"If a caller would prefer to speak with a live mental health counselor, they can do so by selecting an identified call-tree option," said

On Friday, Galley said the cost of the program to WCS layed to school officials. In was "minimal, based on this way, no one except an district enrollment, and ex-

Galley said it is a program confidential and anonymous that is hard to determine a return on investment, but that WCS "is dedicated to making sure student safety is first and foremost in all that we do.' "This is one of the reasons

why it was chosen above others," said Galley. Galley said while he was

unsure of the total amount of tips they have received, the number usually averages between two to three per month during the school year and just a handful over the summer months. "The majority of tips that

we have received have involved inter-student relationships and mental health

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COVID

(Delta). Public health officials track these variants to see if they are causing more disease. hospitalizations and deaths and to make sure that treatments and vaccines still work," stated the ISDH.

As of Friday, the ISDH reported that 94.3 percent of sample COVID-19 cases in the current month had tested positive for the Delta (B.1.617.2) variant. That figure was up 46.8 percent from samples taken the previous month.

During a televised press conference Friday, state health commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said these variants, especially Delta, were fueling an explosion in both cases and hospitalizations.

"COVID-19 is once again on the rise in Indiana and across the country. We're seeing levels we have not seen in some time in the state. Many of these numbers resemble what we saw about this time last year," said Box.

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 1,461 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 771,299 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following to 4 p.m. at the Indianap-

corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

To date, 13,576 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of six from the previous day. Another 429 probable deaths have been reported to date based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

A total of 3,669,635 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,664,843 on Thursday. A total of 11,225,411 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

Hoosiers age 12 and older can receive a COVID-19 vaccine; individuals younger than age 18 are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine only. To find a vaccination clinic near you, visit https://ourshot.in.gov or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted at most sites.

Mobile vaccination clinics are planned from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Pike County Fair, 1213 W. State Road 56, Petersburg; from noon

olis Colts Training Camp, 19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield; from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday at the from noon to 9 p.m. at both the Jasper County Fair, 2671 W. Clark St., Rensselaer, and the Jackson County Fair, 476 E. County Road 100 South, Brownstown; and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saint Marys Church, 311 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis.

Patients with an appointment at a state-hosted public vaccination site can get a free Uber or Lyft ride. Call 2-1-1 or 866-211-9966 to receive a voucher to cover the cost of an Uber ride to and from your vaccination appointments. IU Health offers free Lyft rides to any vaccine site in the state. Call 888-IUHEALTH (888-484-3258) and choose option 9 if you need transportation to your vaccine appointment. As of Friday, a total of 5,874,545 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 2,930,035 first doses and 2,944,510 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents

vaccine. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@ wabashplaindealer.com.

individuals who have re-

ceived a second dose of the

Pfizer or Moderna vaccines

and those who received the

single Johnson & Johnson

When God adopted you, He stamped His family name on you

5-Day Weather Summary

Sunny

77 / 58

Mostly Sunny

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight

chance of showers, high temperature of 75°, humidity of

61%. South southeast wind 3 to 6 mph. Expect partly

cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers and

thunderstorms, overnight low of 60°. West wind 5 mph.

Sunday

Partly Cloudy

80 / 56

.... 6:42 a.m.

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:56 p.m.

By KIRK JOHNSON

Mostly Cloudy

Tomorrow's sunrise

ohn and Niki are friends **J** of ours who sensed God calling them to adopt three siblings from an orphanage in Columbia. It's a journey that began a couple of years ago when they were first connected with these kids, and finally completed in 2020, right in the middle of the quarantine and shutdown, when they were able to bring their newest family members home. We finally got to meet them and introduced them to all the fun of Crazy Pinz in Fort Wayne.

While they were with us, Niki began sharing some of what they went through with this adoption process. She and John had to sign legal documents promising that they and the children would have absolutely no contact with any family or friends in Columbia from before the adoption. She also shared about the renaming process. I knew their last name would change with the adoption. but I didn't know that in this instance they also had to change their first names. The whole process was designed to help these kids leave their old lives, and old identities

But it wasn't just this end to their old lives. John and Niki went out of their way to establish these kids into their family and new life. They spent a year remodeling their basement to make bedrooms for them. And they didn't iust give them rooms but filled them with all kinds

of things they knew these kids liked so that when they walked in that house for the first time, they would know they were home, they were loved, and that they had a family and new future.

Can you even imagine the radical change these three kids have gone through? In one moment they said goodbye to this old life stuck in an orphanage without a good future. A few hours later they were getting off a plane in the United States with new identities, adopted into a loving family and with this bright future ahead of them filled with nearly limitless opportunities.

As Niki shared, I couldn't help but think about the radical change God has done in those of us who follow Him. Here's how the Bible describes it: You have not received a Spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." (Romans 8:15 NLT).

When God adopted you, He terminated any hold your old life had on you. He chose you out of your old life of sin and shame, regret and failure. He doesn't wait for us to clean ourselves up. Jesus did that work at the cross when He took on our sin and shame to forgive us and make us right with God. And in rising, Jesus proved that old life no longer has any hold over us.

When God adopted you, He renamed you. He

stamped His family name on you, giving you a new identity. He lifted you from orphan to the status of full son or daughter of the King of the universe. You no longer live in spiritual poverty, but you've become an heir of all that He has. You have this incredible new beginning and new life with absolutely limitless possibilities.

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Best of all, when God adopted you, He established you in His new family. Jesus tells us in John 14:2 that He's making room for us in His Father's house. Just like John and Niki longed for their new kids to know with certainty their love for them, our ultimate Father longs for you to have complete confidence in His absolute love for you. In Him, you have a home. In Him, you have a Father. Because of Him, you have a family and this new life filled with hope and joy and purpose and love that begins now and lasts forever.

Have you experienced His adoption in your life? If not, today is a great day to turn to your ultimate Father. But for those of us who have, here's a greater challenge: Are you embracing and living out your new life? Because our culture is desperately searching for new life and new identity, and we have the answer in Jesus. Let's live lives that welcome everyone around us to step into this new, forgiven, adopted life Jesus alone offers us.

Kirk Johnson is the lead pastor of the Wabash Church of the

fact that they have mental health counselors available 24 hours per day, seven days

HELPLINE

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per week for any student that requests their help." Galley said this was also an effective means for the community to report concerns.

said

"This is another reason why

we chose this service, the

"Often, tip lines and

anonymous reporting systems are set up only for the kids to make reports," said Galley. "It should be noted that our students are only at school for about a specific information is being com.

third of the day, the rest of the time they are home or in the community. If something is occurring that the school should know about, it only makes sense that the public has a way to report those concerns, anonymously when wanted, to the school."

Galley said every call is assigned a case number so the caller can then call back to the Helpline to check the Android phones. school's progress on the report or to provide more in- it www.safeschoolhelpline.

Galley said posters promoting the Safe School Helpline will be located in each of the corporation's facilities and

sent to parents through the mail as well as on various social media sites.

"Remember, break the silence. Prevent the event," said Galley.

Those who use the service may call 800-4-1-VOICE ext. 359, or 800-418-6423 ext. 359, or text TIPS to 614-426-0240. Free mobile apps are also available for both Apple and

For more information, viscom or call 260-563-2151 or 260-563-4131.

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Honeywell Arts & Entertainment is accepting applications for volunteer ushers

The next training session will be held Wednesday, Aug. 4

STAFF REPORT

From the time guests set foot on Honeywell properties to the time they take their seats for a show, they are met at each turn with smiling faces eager to help, thanks to Honeywell volunteers. With the full return of live indoor programming in 2021, Honis accepting volunteer applications, with a special need with shows, according to development communications manager Courtney Harvey.

"An integral role in the

and recreational benefits, but experience for all. also a series of perks such as enjoying performances while they assist guests and access award-winning country artists to comedy and rock 'n' roll legends, volunteers can enjoy top talent as they greet and assist friendly guests excited to attend live performances," said Harvey.

In addition to theater usher opportunities, Honeywell Arts & Entertainment offers a variety of volunteer activeywell Arts & Entertainment ities to choose from including theater ushers and door greeters, festival help, tour for theater ushers to assist guides, landscaping assistance, holiday decorators, administrative assistance and more.

"Volunteer activities can be at the Honeywell Center company of friends and fam-Ford Theater and Eagles ily who give back together,

Theatre not only enjoy social creating a fun and rewarding

The next volunteer usher training session will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Wednesto early ticket sales. From day, Aug. 4 in the Honeywell Center Nixon Room. Those interested in attending must submit a volunteer application online by Monday, Aug. 2. Volunteers must be 18 years or older.

"I like volunteering because of the people," said Honeywell volunteer Robin Unger. "I've made some great friends over the years and we enjoy spending time together. I also love meeting guests from all over the country, hearing about why they've come and why they chose Honeywell. It's always a wonderful experience.'

For more information, visit guest experience, volunteers enjoyed individually or in the honeywellarts.org, call 260-563-1102 or email rbrown@ honeywellarts.org.



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Obituaries

Glenda Sue Stone

Feb. 28, 1948 - July 28, 2021

Glenda Sue Stone, 73, of Indianapolis, Indiana, went to be with her Lord and Savior on July 28, 2021, after a long bout of respiratory health issues. She was born on Feb. 28, 1948, in Matewan, West Virginia, to John Frank and Zanna (Bragg) Gillum.

Glenda moved to North Manchester in 1978. She was a long-time employee of Peabody Retirement Community as a QNA, retiring in 1999. Glenda married William "Bo" Stone on Oct. 8, 1967 in Lincoln Park, Michigan; he died May 6, 1998. Glenda was warm-spirited and committed in her belief of God, and generous fondness for music and travgrin. Glenda had many hobbies, and was a gifted interior decorator and seamstress. and was well-known for her area of Indianapolis in 2018.

Brandon (Michelle) Stone Aug. 2, 2021, at the funeral of Indianapolis, daugh- home. ter-in-law, Bobbi (Stone) Baldridge of Warsaw, In- Animal Shelter of Wabash diana, five grandchildren, County. Kayla Stone of Altoona, Stone of Pierceton, Indiana, com.



William Stone and Elizabeth Stone, both of Indianapolis, two brothers, Jack (Judy) Gillum of Dandridge, Tennessee, and Jimmy (Norma) Gillum of Sandy Beach, Inbeyond words. She had a diana. She was also preceded in death by her parents, el, especially the music of son, John W. Stone II, two George Jones. When she brothers, Billy Gillum, and smiled there was a twinkle Johnny Mack Gillum, and in her eye and a crook in her two sisters, Patricia Kirk, and Sena Setser.

Funeral services will be 2 pm, Monday, Aug. 2, She always looked forward 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentto the Christmas holiday gen Bender Chapel, 207 W. Main St., North Manches-Shar-Pei dogs and outdoor ter, with Pastor John Cook holiday decorations. Glenda officiating. Burial will be in relocated to the Southport Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Friends may She is survived by her son, call 12 – 2 pm, Monday,

Preferred memorial is

The memorial guest book Pennsylvania, Shelby Stone for Glenda may be signed of Indianapolis, Trevor at www.grandstaff-hentgen.

Linda Louise Wells

A celebration of Linda Church, 2776 River Road, Louise Wells life will be 2 Wabash. Arrangements by - 4 pm, Saturday, July 31, Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral 2021, at Christian Heritage Service, Wabash.

Barbara Sue Branham

May 17, 1954 - July 29, 2021

Barbara Sue Branham, 67, of Lagro, Indiana, died at 4:05 am, Thursday, July 29, 2021, at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born

on May 17, 1954, in Wabash, Indiana, to William L. "Bill" and Naomi (Thorn) Strickler. Barbara married William

Branham in Wabash on November 28, 1970. She worked at Wagner's and Eaton Controls, both in North Manchester. Barbara was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 248 in Lagro. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, and especially her grandkids and spending time with her

She is survived by her husband, William Branham of Lagro, two children, Todd neral home. (Judie) Branham of Andrews, Indiana, and Tracy (Lamar) Dixon of Lagro, six grandchildren, Shane (Taylor Mol-Tyler (Rebeccah King) Bra- com.

nham of Peru, Indiana, Bradley (Aaliyah Douglas) Dixon of Wabash, Amanda (Tony) Rasmussen of Lincolnville, Indiana, Amber (Ian) Kaehr of

Wabash, and Jasmine Whitesell of Huntington, Indiana, mother, Naomi Strickler of North Manchester, and sister, Beverly Burns of Wabash. She was preceded in death by

Funeral services will be 10 am, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4 pm – 8 pm, Monday, Aug. 2, 2021, at the fu-

Preferred memorial is Lagro Volunteer Fire Department.

The memorial guest book for Barbara may be signed lett) Branham of Andrews, at www.grandstaff-hentgen.

Sandra K. Elliott

Nov. 4, 1961 - July 28, 2021

Sandra K. Elliott, 59, a Aug. 6, 2021 at Memorial lifetime resident of Wabash, Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. passed away at 7:17 p.m. on to the late Larry and Myrtle ana 46992.

held at a 11 a.m. on Friday, mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Jack Vern Paxton, 69, a

North Manchester.

Calling hours will be held

Wednesday, July 28, 2021 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on at Parkview Randallia in Friday, Aug. 6, 2021 at Mc-Fort Wayne. She was born Donald Funeral Homes, 231 on Nov. 4, 1961, in Wabash Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indi-

A graveside service will be be sent to the family at www.

Online condolences may

lifetime resident of Wabash, grandchildren. Retirement Community in

Gordon Lowell Bolinger

Sept. 17, 1942 - July 26, 2021

Lowell Gordon Bolinger, 78, of Kokomo, Indiana, died 8:34 pm, Monday, July 26, 2021, at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born

Sept. 17, 1942, in Kokomo, komo, Casey (Greg Waits) to Joseph and Viola (Aikens) Bolinger. Gordon was a 1961 gradu-

ate of Wabash High School. He married Madeline Ball in Somerset, Indiana on Aug. 24, 1963. Gordon was a retired heavy equipment operator, and a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 103. He enjoyed NASCAR, model trains, and flight simulators.

He is survived by his wife, Madeline Bolinger of Kokomo, three children, Mark (Julie) Bolinger of Wabash, Indiana, Kathleen Bolinger of Kokomo, and Shannon Bolinger-Bennett of Palm Bay, Florida, six grandchil-

Bolinger of Muncie, Indiana, Caleb (Jasmine) Bolinger of Wabash, Elaine (Preston) Murrell of Charlotte, North Carolina, Marissa Bolinger of Ko-

Bennett of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and Alexis Bennett of Palm Bay, and two great-grandchildren, Adelaide Bolinger of Munice, and Violet Bolinger of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Larry Ken Bolinger.

Funeral services will be 2 pm, Friday, July 30, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Friends may call 3-7 pm Thursday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is St. Judes Children's Hospital.

The memorial guest book for Gordon may be signed at dren, Nathaneal (Stephanie) www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Richard C. Gale

Nov. 12, 1964 - July 27, 2021

Richard C. Gale, 56, North Grudowski); step-grandchil-Manchester, Indiana, passed away peacefully on July 27, 2021, with the love of his life by his side. He was born Nov. 12, 1964, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to the late Lewis and La-Donna (Steele) Gale.

Richard's memory will always be cherished by his Gale has entrusted McKee wife, Penni Gale; stepdaughter, Tiffany Dangerfield (Cody

Grudowski, and Elaina Grudowski; brother, Mark (Laura) Gale; as well as many friends and family. Per Richard's wishes, there

dren, Clayton Garwood, Levi

will be no servies.

The family of Richard C. Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

Jack Vern Paxton

Jack is survived by his 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 2, wife, Yvonne; son, Shawn 2021, at McDonald Funeral passed away at 8:40 p.m. on Paxton; daughter, Sabrina Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, July 28, 2021, at Peabody (Matt) LaSpina; and three Wabash, Indiana 46992,

Funeral services will be at ating.

with Tom Richards offici-

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 pm. on Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www. mcdonaldfunerals.com.

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Aug. 1 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy be by Roger Marine. The Wisniewski, the song lead- com or call 260-563-1406. Morning Message will be, "The Shape of Bread," by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services available by visiting www. bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

Sunday, Aug. worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is will be Ephesians 4:1-18 with a sermon reflection Great Church." Worship day, Aug. 1. service will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian **Heritage Church**

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call

Jennifer Mahan at 260-571- worship service. The worship at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

er will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services, one at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be, "Burn the Plow and Roast the Cow," from 1 Kings 19:11-21. The Communion Table will be served by John Troyer and Bill Miller. Children's church for the 10:30 service will be led by Randall and Linat 10 a.m. Pastor Tom da Good. The recorded ser-Richards' scripture reading mon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook titled, "Three Marks of a group the morning of Sun-

LaFontaine **Christian Church**

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian. com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, https://www.facebook. com/LaFontaine-United -Methodist-Church. person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one

8063, Shirley Neale at 260- service is at 10 a.m., and 591-0047 or Debbie Sweet Sunday school is at 9 a.m. On Sunday, Aug. 1, there will be no Sunday school at 9 a.m., but there will be On Sunday, Aug. 1 at Dora a worship service at 10 a.m. Christian Church in Lagro, For more information, email Bullick and the piano will the minister will be Mark pastorjohn1954@gmail.

Lutheran Church

Welcome to our inperson worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with preservice music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www. livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www. manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click schedule. on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/ myolivebranchchurch through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.

Southside **Free Will Baptist**

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www. urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash **Christian Church** (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. phen Eberhard is the Minis-

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children's church or Sunday school at this time. Masks are recommended. On Sunday, Aug. 1, the sermon will be based on 1 Corinthians 11:17-33 and titled, "Instructions on the Lord's Supper." On Sunday, Aug. 8, the sermon will be based on 1 Corinthians 12:1-12 and titled, "Spiritual Gifts." On Sunday, Aug. 15, the sermon will be based on 1 Corinthians 12:13-31 and titled, "One Body, Many Members." On Sunday, Aug. 22, the sermon will be based on 1 Corinthians 13 and titled, "What is Love?" On Sunday, Aug. 29, Pastor Doug Beal will be off, with plans to be determined. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Kirk Pastor Johnson. of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going YouTube and search "Wabash Nazarene" search Facebook for

the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz. com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God

In the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "Psalm 120." The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sundays on 105.9 FM. Sunday servants are Dorothy Carpenter, chairperson; Chris Sands, worship; Chris Sands, special music; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose

Walk by Faith **Community Church**

Sands, organ.

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children's worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. We invite all to come and worship with us for a special outdoor service at 9 a.m. with doughnuts, coffee, milk and juice. For more information, visit www. walkbyfaithcommunity church.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Gauthier Pastor Jerry says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www. facebook/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@ wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

MCS

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STEM certified by the IDOE. MCS is proud to have Shelly dergarten. With an increased to provide Industry 4.0 train-Leifer named the Small and interest in the certified ing to students," said Self.

Rural Schools teacher of the MCS is excited to be introprogram beginning in kin-

preschool program, MCS year. In the upcoming year, has added a second class for next year. MCS is also creducing a new dual language ating additional curriculum and purchasing equipment

grants to provide additional training for all staff on the project-based and experien-

"MCS continues to receive activities including athletics, music, drama, FFA and others continue to provide latest teaching and learning quality learning experiences strategies with a focus on outside the classroom. MCS is proud to continue the tratial learning. Extracurricular dition of providing a strong

well-rounded education to students with a very personal touch."

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@ wabashplaindealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

Isaiah 50:7

Jan. 6 hearings paint a vivid picture of that terrible day

nyone who doubted the Avalue of examining the storming of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, everyone who downplays the events of that day, must listen to the full testimony of the four police officers who testified at a House panel's first hearing Tuesday. They were targets of a rabid mob incited by Donald Trump. They were in the crosshairs for trying to facilitate the peaceful transfer of power in the beating heart of American democracy.

Metropolitan D.C. Police Officer Daniel Hodges detailed how the rioters beat him, tried to rip off his gas mask and gouge his eyes, tried to remove his service firearm. Officer Michael Fanone said he was beaten by the crowd, which threatened

to "kill him with his own gun."

"I was dragged from the line of officers into the crowd," he added. "I heard someone scream, 'I got one." He said the rioters then "seized ammunition secured" to his body, pummeled him with "their fists and hard metal objects" and shocked him repeatedly with a Taser.

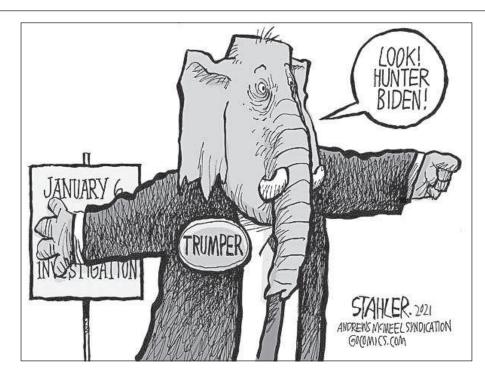
When the crowd told Capitol Police Officer Harry Dunn that "nobody voted for Joe Biden," Dunn replied that he had. Then came the reply from the man in the mob: "You hear that, guys? This n---er voted for Joe Biden!," followed by a crowd joining in a chant: "Boo! F--king n---er!" Capitol Police Sgt. Aquilino Gonell said, "I could feel myself losing

oxygen and recall thinking to myself, 'This is how I'm going to die, defending this entrance."

Also Tuesday, New York Rep. Elise Stefanik, promoted up the GOP ranks for her dutiful promotion of lies about the November election, had the gall to proclaim that "Nancy Pelosi bears responsibility as the speaker of the House for the tragedy that occurred on Jan. 6."

So corrupting has Trump's mendacity been, Republican leadership remade in his image thinks it can rewrite history in real-time. It is as dishonorable as Alex Jones calling massacre victims crisis actors. It must not

This editorial was first published in The New York Daily News.



School choice, cost savings and educational spending

y colleague Dague, and I recently completed y colleague Dagney Faulk an analysis of the fiscal effect of school choice on Indiana taxpayers. The data came from a Department of Education report on transfer students across the state, which we matched with state spending and overall enrollment. During the process of the Ball State CBER study, I learned a few surprising things that are likely to prompt anyone with strong feelings about school choice. So, it's best to proceed with an open mind.

Indiana adopted universal school choice a little more than a decade ago. That occurred through a series of changes that together made Indiana the national leader in school choice. Beginning after 2000, the legislature created and then expanded charter school programs. These are public schools that are overseen by a university, a municipality or a local public school system. These schools range from large online programs to specialized programs operated by local school corporations like the McCullough Academy for Girls

The state also instituted full public school choice, permitting students to attend the school of their choice, with state funding following the student. There are some limits on student movement. Schools must accept every student without a significant behavioral record, and they must use a lottery system for enrollment if there are more applicants than spaces available. Indiana added a voucher program to assist low-income families wanting to attend private schools.

I know much of the rhetoric about school choice claims it is designed to destroy public education. If so, it has been a colossal failure. Since Indiana began its path to school choice, private school enrollment in the state plummeted by more than half. In 2000, more than 134,000 or 12 percent of Hoosier children attended private schools. Today

it is under 61,000 or 5.4 percent. Much of that change cannot be attributed directly to school choice. The introduction of nationwide school performance measures in the mid-2000s revealed what public education advocates have long argued. Many of Indiana's local public schools outperform nearby private schools, which certainly led to part of the exodus of

private school Michael students to pub-Hicks lic schools.



The broader policy goal of school choice always was to cause schools to compete for students on issues of quality.

came to competing for students, Indiana's local public schools absolutely dominated the competition. By the 2019-20 school year, local public school share of students rose from just under 88 percent to more than 91 percent of students. This doesn't include the large number of students enrolled in charter schools that are operated by local public

The stark reality is that when it

school corporations. In contrast, school choice has been devastating for Indiana's private schools. While there are a few that prosper, most struggle. Mergers or outright closure of many private schools continue to be a real risk to school choice in many communities. Today, Indiana pays for just 6.2 percent of students to attend either charter or offers vouchers

for private schools. By diverting students to less expensive schools, our study found that Indiana's school choice saved the state close to \$88 million in the 2019-2020 school year. The details of this are located in our study at https://bsu.edu/ cber/publications, but it is worth explaining how the findings might be sensitive to assumptions about enrollment patterns. We calculated the savings from students using vouchers instead of attending their local public school.

To start, let's assume that only half those students would leave private schools if the voucher program ended. At first blush, that might reduce savings by maybe \$30 million. However, if 17,000 kids left private schools, many would close and send perhaps 50,000 more kids into public schools. That would be far more expensive. Few people will speak to the issue openly, but we'd be better off acknowledging that increasing vouchers is largely about preventing private schools from closing, which results in less competition for enrollment in local

public schools. This study didn't mention it, but in the years following full school choice, the performance

of Hoosier kids on national tests have improved substantially. Again, that was the big goal of school choice, to improve performance in all schools. While Indiana's average national test scores cannot tell us whether this was caused by school choice, it places a pretty large hurdle in front of those who suggest choice played no role in school improvement. It also devastates the argument that school choice weakens

education. Our study also provides maps and tables of individual schools that will be interesting to residents across the state. Though this study offers analysis that should cool tempers about school choice, we also note deeper problems in Indiana's education policy.

From 2010 to 2020, during the longest economic expansion in Indiana history, inflation-adjusted spending on K-12 education declined, both as a share of our economy and on a per-student basis. Using the Consumer Price Index, real student spending dropped by more than 10 percent per kid. That understates the real losses because schools spend a lot more resources on healthcare and labor costs than the CPI reports. So, we understate the real effect of cuts by as much as 50 percent. In reality, the funding cuts to K-12 education from 2010 to 2020 were the steepest in state history.

As Indiana's economy grew, funding for schools declined. Indiana wasn't the only state to do so, but educational attainment in Indiana lags the nation. Even with the benefits of school choice, Indiana's cuts to education and growing educational gap clearly have slowed our economic growth.

I am proud of Indiana's courage in tackling school choice, and appreciative that the next state budget restores much of the cuts to K-12 education. But, it didn't go far enough, nor did it reverse the cuts to higher education, where Indiana now finds itself near the bottom of the nation. Ultimately, how well we educate our children and young adults has far more to do with our prosperity than any other policy. In the end it doesn't really matter how robust our school choice options are if fewer and fewer people choose to live and work in Indiana.

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Combining baseball and army careers

There are a lot of benefits of retirement, likely many more than I realize or appreciate, but one is enough free time to follow my local minor league baseball team. The Fort Wayne TinCaps are High A this year with a roster of players who hope to be

only one or two steps away from the majors.

Franke

Mark

Fort Wayne has produced a lot of major leaguers over the 28 years of the franchise. The most successful in monetary terms is Fernando Tatis Jr., a current wage slave of the San Diego Padres to the tune of \$340 million.

Fort Wayne has always been a baseball town. The Fort Wayne Kekiongas played in the National Association of Professional Base Ball Players,

the first professional league prior to the formation of the National Baseball League. (Yes, that National League.) Unfortunately the Kekiongas went broke in 1871 but only after making the record books for winning the first game ever played under the auspices of a professional baseball league.

Even with no more Kekiongas, the city wasn't done with making baseball history. The first professional night game was played under lights in Fort Wayne in 1883 according to local lore even if not uncontested among baseball historians.

So much for reminiscing about a time before I was born. Coming back to this year of grace, my lifetime love of baseball has been stoked to a white-hot heat now that I can afford both the money and the time to hold season tickets. When still gainfully employed, I would attend TinCaps games (or Wizards as they were absurdly named when they first came to Fort Wayne) as often as time allowed. It wasn't nearly often enough and I was jealous of my retired friend who had season tickets. Several years ago my wife asked me what I wanted to do for Fathers' Day and I replied with one word: TinCaps. That day I resolved to buy season tickets so I could go to all the games

I wanted seats near my retiree friend so I ended up next to the visitor's dugout at field level. There are better views of the field but I won't move. I have made new friends of the other season ticket holders as well as the ushers assigned to our section so going to the game is a fundamental part of my pathetic social life.

The best thing about my seats is that I am right at the on-deck circle for the visiting team. This gives me the opportunity to talk to the batters as they come out of the dugout. I don't heckle; 30 years as a volunteer assistant coach in Division I men's volleyball left me with no tolerance or respect for hecklers. Instead I compliment them on great defensive plays, previous home runs or other impressive athletic feats. Most respond, if only with a thank you, and those who don't are likely too intense on preparing for their next

Last week the Dayton team was in town and their right fielder put on an offensive and defensive show. He made two spectacular diving catches the first night, got a couple of hits and ran the bases with abandon. Checking his biographical information, I learned that he is a Hoosier from Zionsville and a graduate of West Point. West Point? My neighbor, a retired Army colonel, was with me that night and he didn't think the Army allowed newly commissioned officers to take a sabbatical to play professional sports before serving their military obligation.

Thank you, Internet, as we discovered that this young man is the first West Point graduate to be granted leave to play professional baseball before assuming his army career. The next night I brashly called out to him as he passed toward his dugout before the game and he immediately came over. We talked for about five minutes about his army career in the air defense artillery and the expectations the army

Jacob Hurtubise understands his responsibilities to represent the Dayton Dragons and Cincinnati Reds while still representing the United States Army. Although officially commissioned as a second lieutenant, his teammates have begun calling him "Colonel." No wonder. In an interview with MLB. com, he said, "If my jersey's not dirty, I did something wrong." After the first game of the series, his jersey was reasonably clean but his pants were shredded at the back pocket and on the side from his slides. He did nothing wrong which this grizzled old fan noticed. And his teammates should promote him all the way to field marshal.

Eventually the army will get Lt. Hurtubise back but, based on what I saw last week, it won't be anytime

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HISTORY

Today is Saturday, July 31, the 212th day of 2021. There are 153 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On July 31, 1991, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Moscow. On this date:

In 1715, a fleet of Spanish ships carrying gold, silver and jewelry sank during a hurricane off the east Florida coast; of some 2,500 crew members, more than 1,000

In 1777, during the Revolutionary War, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army.

In 1919, Germany's Weimar Constitution was adopted by the republic's National Assembly.

In 1933, the radio series "Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy," made its debut on CBS radio station WBBM in Chicago.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Don Murray is 92. Jazz composer-musician Kenny Burrell is 90. Actor France Nuyen is 82. Actor Susan Flannery is 82. Singer Lobo is 77. Actor Geraldine Chaplin is 77. Former movie studio executive Sherry Lansing is 77. Singer Gary Lewis is 76. Actor Lane Davies is 71. Actor Susan Wooldridge is 71. International Tennis Hall of Famer Evonne Goolagong Cawley is 70. Actor Barry Van Dyke is 70.

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LIFESTYLES

A garden-fresh dinner for a summer night

Summer's sultry heat invites fresh, simple meals with garden vegetables that require limited effort to prepare. This tomato tart is a light and easy dinner for a warm night that

Lynda **Balsley**



takes advantage of the season's kaleidoscope of cherry tomatoes falling in our gardens and showcased in our markets. Its presentation is as unpretentious as could be, giving the sweet and juicy tomatoes center

stage, nestled on a bed of airy puff pastry dusted with nutty cheese and plucked garden herbs.

With so few ingredients, do not skimp on their quality. This is the moment to use the freshest tomatoes available. Sprinkle that fancy sea salt you have stashed in your cabinet for special occasions. Choose a nutty aged Gruyere and splurge on Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, if you can.

As for the pastry, it is here that I digress from homemade pastry and admit that I rely on a high-quality store-bought puff pastry, an otherwise time-consuming affair to make. After all, we're talking minimal effort here on a steamy summer night. Fortunately, frozen pastry dough is available in most supermarkets. While the pastry is not cheap, I see it as a break-even when considering the cost of the ingredients and time to layer and roll my own. However, if you do have the time and inclination, I've provided my go-to recipe for quick puff pastry from Rose Levy Beranbaum, the diva of pastry, pies and cakes.

Cherry Tomato Tart Active time: 15 minutes Total time: 40 minutes, plus draining time Yield: Serves 4 to 6 as a light meal or 6 to 8 as a side dish

1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pounds cherry tomatoes, multicolored if possible, halved lengthwise

1 (9-by-13-inch) sheet frozen puff-pastry dough, thawed in the refrigerator

1/4 cup finely grated Parmesan or Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese 1/4 cup finely grated Gruyere

cheese 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme,



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

plus more for garnish 1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano Freshly ground black pepper Extra-virgin olive oil

Place the tomatoes in a colander set over a bowl and season with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes to allow some of the juices

to drain, stirring once or twice. Preheat the oven to 400 de-

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Unroll the pastry for one large tart (or unroll and cut the dough into smaller serving squares or circles for individual servings).

Score a 3/4-inch border around the edges of the dough without piercing the bottom. Prick the dough all over with a fork, leaving the border unmarked. Transfer to the oven and bake until the pastry begins to turn golden, 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from the oven. If part of the dough has

puffed up, gently deflate it. Sprinkle the Parmesan, Gruyere, thyme and oregano evenly over the pastry, leaving the border clear. Arrange the tomatoes, cut sides up, over the pastry and season with freshly ground black pepper.

Return the tart to the oven and bake until the tomatoes begin to shrivel and the tart is golden brown and firm at the edges, 12 to 15 minutes more.

Remove and cool for 5 to 10 minutes. If desired, drizzle with a little olive oil and season with additional salt. Garnish with additional thyme leaves.

Rose Levy Beranbaum's Quick Puff Pastry

Total time: 30 minutes, plus chilling time Yield: Makes enough for 1 tart

Active time: 30 minutes

1 1/2 cups (6.4 ounces) all-purpose flour

3/4 cup (3 ounces) cake flour 1 1/4 cups (2 1/2 sticks) cold butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

3/4 teaspoons salt 1/3 cup ice water

1 tablespoon cold fresh lemon Cover and freeze the all-pur-

pose flour, cake flour and butter for 30 minutes. Combine the all-purpose flour, cake flour and salt in the bowl of

a food processor and pulse once or twice to combine. Add half of the frozen butter pieces and pulse until the butter is pea-sized. Add the remaining butter and pulse until pea-sized. Slowly add the water and lemon

juice and pulse until the dough begins to clump together (it will be shaggy). Transfer the dough to a work surface dusted with all-purpose flour and roll into an 8-by-12inch rectangle. Fold the dough in

half from the short side (it will be very crumbly) and roll again to form an 8-by-12-inch rectangle. Fold in half again, then cover with plastic wrap and freeze for 30 minutes. Remove the dough from the freezer and roll the dough again

into a rectangle. Fold into thirds, like a letter for an envelope. Roll once more and fold again into thirds. Roll out again and fold one more time. Cover and chill until use for up to 2 days (or freeze for up to one year).

The next child tax credit payment date is Aug. 13 - here are some key things you should know

The online pleas of parents searching for answers to why they haven't received advance child tax credit payments - or why the amount wasn't what

Michelle **Singletary**



they expected – are a reminder of how many millions of families are living on the financial edge.

Under the American Rescue Plan, eligible families are entitled to monthly payments of up to \$300 for each child 5 and

each child 6 to 17. One parent posting on Twitter wrote, "My wife and I made just [\$50,000] last year and the IRS page said we are not eligible for tax credit of our kids," adding that "they are 5 and 4 years

under and up to \$250 for

Understandably, there is a lot of confusion around the child tax credit payments. The rules are complicated. Hopefully, the following answers will clear up some of the concerns you may

■ We have five children - 17, 11, 9, 7 and 5. We received a \$1,000 child tax credit payment. Shouldn't we have received \$1,300? We make under \$150,000

Let's walk through the numbers and why you probably received less than you anticipated.

If you qualify for the maximum advance child tax credit, you would have received \$250 for each child from 6 to 17. Each child

5 and under is eligible for

Typically, the child tax credit age cutoff is 16. But just for 2021, the age was extended to 17. What seems to be tripping up a lot of families is this: If a child turns 18 this year, he or she ages out of being eligible for a payment.

A similar issue involves 5-year-olds who turn 6 this year. He or she will be counted as a 6-year-old, and as a result, the payment is calculated on that basis.

So, in this case, the couple's payment is \$250 for each of the eligible children - including the 5-year-old turning 6 and not including the 17-year-old turning 18 for a total of \$1,000.

■ My husband won't cash our kids' child tax credit check, because he says we might have to pay the IRS back. Will we have to pay this money back?

If you think you will be overpaid, you can opt out of receiving the payments rather than holding on to the money. The IRS has created the Child Tax Credit Update Portal, which allows people to tell the IRS they don't want the advance payments.

During a recent online discussion, Ken Corbin, the IRS's wage and investment commissioner and its chief taxpayer experience officer, addressed folks' concern about being overpaid.

'You may avoid owing tax to the IRS if you adjust your withholding or unenroll and claim the entire credit when you file your 2021 tax return," Corbin said.

■ Is there any protection for lower-income parents

against having to pay back

overpaid credits if their financial or family circumstances change during

2021? Stay with me on this explanation. It's important you understand who will and who won't have to pay back any overpayment for the advance child tax credit.

The child tax credit payments being distributed for the next six months are technically an advance on what people will claim on their 2021 tax return due next year. Half of the credit is being distributed this year in monthly installments.

Since the IRS doesn't yet have 2021 returns and thus can't be certain of people's income or the number of children they're eligible to claim for the credit, the agency is using people's 2019 or 2020 tax returns. It's also going on information people provided in the IRS online non-filers tool.

Once they file their 2021 returns next year, some families may find that they received too much money. This additional income might result in a lower refund or an increase in the taxes they owe for 2021.

When you file your 2021 tax return, you will need to compare the amount of the advance child tax credit payments you received with the actual credit allowed. Most families will get the remaining credit due. But some will find they were overpaid and may have to repay some or all of the money to the IRS.

In January, the IRS will send "Letter 6419" indicating the total amount of advance child tax credit that was disbursed.

With people's incomes fluctuating so much because of the pandemic, and perhaps due to a shift in who can claim a child, the American Rescue Plan, which authorized the monthly child tax credit payments, includes a provision to prevent lower-income households from getting a

surprise tax bill next year. You can qualify for full repayment protection if your modified adjusted gross income (AGI) for 2021 is at or below \$40,000 for a single filer or married couples filing a separate return. The cutoff is \$50,000 if you are filing as head of household and \$60,000 if you are married and filing a joint return or filing as a qualifying widow or widower.

■ We have a toddler, and I got into the portal and opted out. However, I saw a message that I had opted out of only half of the payment. Does my spouse have to opt out too? "In a married filing joint

situation when one spouse unenrolls, the other spouse must unenroll to stop the payments," Corbin said. "If one spouse doesn't unenroll by Aug. 2, they will get half of the joint payment." For more information

about the opt-out process, including a schedule of deadlines for each monthly payment, see Topic J of the child tax credit FAQs on irs.

■ Will these payments count against me for federal

benefits such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI)? "The advance child tax credit payments cannot be counted as income when de-

termining if you or anyone

else is eligible for benefits or assistance, or how much you or anyone else can receive, under any federal program or under any state or local program financed in whole or in part with federal

funds," Corbin said. He added that these programs also cannot count the payments as a resource for purposes of determining eligibility for at least 12 months after you receive it. If this has happened, you should contact the agency issuing your benefits, he said.

■ We haven't filed any return with our child on it yet. When can I use the online portal to add a child?

The IRS says later this year the portal will add a feature to allow you to inform the agency about any qualifying children. And the good news is you'll receive increased monthly payments for previous months after you sign up. The IRS is hosting events

this weekend in select cities to help people sign up for the advance credit. For information about the free events go to irs.gov. Readers can write to

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Frosted relic: Slice of Lady Di's wedding cake up for sale

LONDON (AP) — Don't let them eat this cake.

A slice of one of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's wedding cakes is up for auction 40 years after the nuptials watched around the world.

The iced slice came from one of the 23 official wedding cakes marking the July 29, 1981 marriage of the heir to the British throne and his shy 20-yearold bride. It features a marzipan base and a sugar onlay coat-of-arms, colored in gold, red, blue, and silver, on top.

The piece of cake was given to Moyra Smith, a member of the Queen Mother's household at Clarence House. Smith kept it in a floral cake tin and with a handmade label on the lid reading: "Handle with Care - Prince Charles & Princess Diane's (sic) Wedding Cake" which she signed and dated 29/7/81.

Smith's family sold the cake to a collector in 2008, but it is up for auction again Aug. 11. It is expected to fetch between 300 pounds (\$418) and 500 pounds (\$697), together with an order of service, ceremonial details and a royal wedding breakfast program.

"It appears to be in exactly the same good condition as when originally sold," Chris Albury, auctioneer and senior valuer at Dominic Winter Auctioneers, said. "But we advise against eating it.'

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Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

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Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

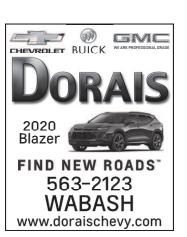
CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m. Face masks and social distancing required.

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Ghurch Directory

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

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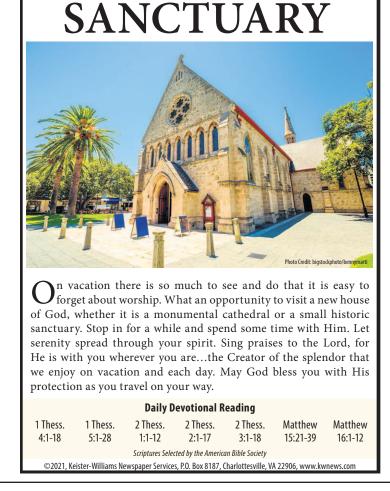
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Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.







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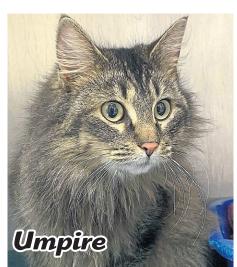


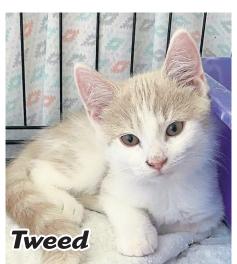














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VARIANCE #: 8 A variance from the sub division ordinance to make more than one (1) sale of less than twenty (20) acres within a five (5) year period. The geographical area affected by the changes reques-

Part of the North West 1/4 of Section 25, Township 27N, Range 7E,

Lagro Township, Wabash County, 160 acres A copy of the proposal is now on file in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission and is available for public examination. Any written objections that are filed with the secretary of the Wabash County Plan Commission prior to the hearing will be considered and, at the hearing, the Wabash County Plan Commission will consider any additional comments concerning the application. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

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nicating with a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals before the hearing with the intent to influence a member's action on a matter pending before the Board. Wabash County Plan Commission

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RC8506871 Beer Wine & Liquor - Fraternal Club RENEWAL; VETER-ANS OF FOREIGN WARS 286 3678 WEST OLD 24 Wabash IN.,

D/B/A V F W #286. DL8521851 Beer Wine & Liquor - Drug Store RENEWAL; KROGER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP I 1309 N. CASS ST. Wabash IN., D/B/A KROGER J?875. CHRISTINE WHEATLEY 225 LAFAYETTE Cincinnati. President hspaxlp.7/31/2021

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Hope Wall MINOR CHILD

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

TO: Ashley Renn whose whereabouts are unknown

You, Ashley Renn, are herby notified that there has been a Petitioner to terminate guardianship, by Amber Casper, in the above matter and a hearing has been set for the 26th day of August at 11:00 a.m. in the Wabash Circuit court, 59 West Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992. If you do not appear for the scheduled hearing, the Court may enter an

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Notice of Administration

In the Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Lynda Better was on the 28th day of July, 2021 appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of Clarence Betten, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated in Wabash, Indiana this 28th day of July, 2021. /s/Lori Draper (SEAL)

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Online relationship blossoms for older woman

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I met a wonderful man online. He's from Wales in the U.K. He's

21 years younger Dear than I am, natuso, rally, I'm cautious about how our relationship will hold

up through



the years. (He's 42; I'm 63.)

He says I am everything he's dreamed of, and more. He's nonjudgmental, kind, sweet and very witty. His intelligence amazes me. I love and respect him more than any person I have ever known. Is it possible to have a long-lasting relationship when there is this kind of age difference? - Found Mr. Wonderful

DEAR FOUND: It is possible, but it is unusual. If you know this person only online, I caution you to get to know him, his family and his friends IN PERSON before making any formal commitments. I say this because he may not actually be the person he is representing himself to be, and women in your situation have been taken advantage of. This man may be married. Because of this, you should never send him money, even if it's only a "temporary loan."

DEAR ABBY: My sister is the worship leader at our church, but I sometimes fill in for her. When I do, I receive a lot of compliments in the form of comparing the two of us. For example, "Your sister is great, but I like it better when you sing." It makes me uncomfortable because I want us both to do well in life. I have no desire to outshine my sister. How can I correct this when it happens without shaming the person? -Embarrassed In Aurora

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Make a list of things your sister does better than you in her capacity as worship leader. Then respond to the compliment by saying, "Thanks for the kind words, but my sister is better than I am at ...", and mention several of them.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 22 years but I have a strong affection for my male best friend, "Ryder." He's extremely easy on the eyes, so much so that even strangers comment on how handsome he is. Sometimes we nap together and take turns being the big spoon. Occasionally, he will put his tongue in my ear, and I think it's cute. My husband is OK with it and shows no signs of jealousy. I'm pretty sure my feelings are reciprocated because when Ryder looks at me with those big brown eyes, it's as though he is shooting love daggers my way, and he winks at me of-

Next week my husband and I are having eye exams. Would it be too much to ask him to get colored contacts to match our German shepherd? - Diana In California

DEAR DIANA: That's a doggone good question. Since your husband hasn't objected to the spooning and the licking, I'm sure he would fur-give you.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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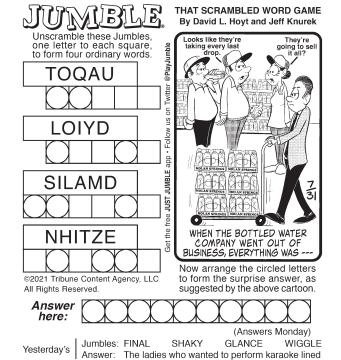
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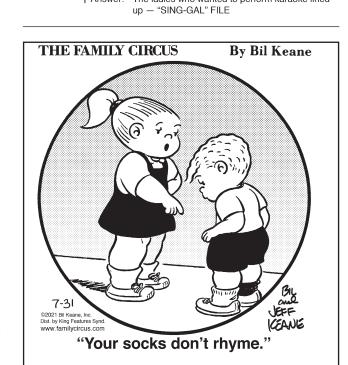
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God did not exclude himself from human suffering

Q: How do we know that Jesus understands our suffering? He is God and can overcome anything, right? – H.S. A: God did not exclude him-

self from human suffering. He became man –

the Person of Billy Christ – and Graham shared with us all there is to My Answer share. Philip Yancey wrote, "God does not, in the comfortable surroundings of heaven,

turn a deaf ear



to the sounds of suffering on this groaning planet."

Jesus' life was in peril from His first cry. The most illustrious child ever born was hated by many while He lay in a manger, helpless to defend Himself. We don't know much about His life as a child, but we do know that He lived with the knowledge of His destiny. His entire life was one of humiliation. He came not as a conquering king, but

as a humble servant.

leaders were suspicious of this carpenter from Nazareth, because He was a threat to them. They scorned Him and treated Him with contempt. They said He broke God's law, that He was an unholy person, a drunkard, and one who made friends with the scum of society. He had the label of guilt by association stamped upon Him by self-righteous men. Many people reacted vio-

lently to Him. At the beginning of His ministry, His own townsfolk at Nazareth tried to throw Him off a cliff (see lives today!

When He was an adult, the Luke 4:29). Religious and political leaders often conspired to seize and kill Him. And yet He healed the sick, fed the hungry, loved the unloved, taught the ignorant, and worked miracles among the multitudes. Ultimately, He was arrested and brought to trial before Pilate and Herod. Though innocent, He was denounced as an enemy of God and man. The frenzied mob incited the religious leaders and cried, "Crucify Him!" No other has ever suffered the way Jesus suffered, and He did for mankind – and He

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achieving against great odds." - Bill Bradley TODAY'S CLUE: 8 signbə O

Little City Junior Tour finishes in Peru

Northfield's Tyson Baer places second, Southwood's Luke Watson scores an eighth-place result

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

The Little City Jr. Tour wrapped up on Thursday, July 22 after a final stop at Peru's Rock Hollow Golf Club. High school golfers coming from Wabash, Southwood some of the competitors that made finish up the field while Northfield High School's Tyson Baer finished the day with a second-place result.

Luke Watson from Southwood High School rounded out one of the top 10 finishes with an eighthplace finish.

Baer, who shot 10 over on the day, was pleased with his performance in his second-place finish at Rock Hollow.

"I've been playing pretty well," Baer said. "I missed a few six-footers I should have made but I'm hitting the ball pretty solid. Other than that, these greens are really tight and really fast and I just got to get the feel for them. Outside of that, I've been playing pretty well."

City stop, Baer took each competition as a chance to build on his game for the future.

"These tournaments help me prepare, get me to work harder, practice for and give me something to build off of."

Eighth place finisher, Luke Watson went into the day with the hopes of improving numerous elements of his game.

"I hoped to hit my irons a little better. My chipping's pretty good and my driver is okay but hopefully, I could hit the irons a little better. ... Putting. I really wanted to putt well today and get a lot of two putts," Watson said.
Easton Shaw rounded out the

rest of the Norsemen golfing when Southwood's Jordan Trissler and Wabash Apache Caden Carmichael also competed in the event at Rock Hollow.

In the girls division, Northfield High School's Alex Cartwright finished fourth while shooting 19 over followed by Wabash's Annie Cole and Kenley Mcwhirt placing

seventh and eighth. Cartwright ended the day pleased with her performance while commenting on how she benefitted from the Little City

"I've been playing pretty good and I've never played here before so that kind of surprised me,' Cartwright said. "My driver has been pretty good for me, going stick straight and that's what you have to do here because there can be hazards on either side.'

"Seeing all these courses, it helps me a lot for the season. My short game has improved a lot playing in these with different types of greens

For Annie Cole, she admitted that her outing at Peru wasn't her



Photos by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer and Northfield were amongst Northfield High School's Tyson Baer completed the day with a second-place



After playing in his third Little In the girls division, Northfield High School's Alex Cartwright finished fourth. Wabash's Annie Cole placed seventh.



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SUMMER GAMES TOKYO TOP 10 WINNERS

best showcase while also touch- course where if you're not hitting ing on the difficulty of the course straight then you're going to be in

Finally, Kenley Mcwhirt was "It was a rough start. I wasn't satisfied with the way she played how I wanted to, a lot of mishits cognizant of key areas that she



Luke Watson from Southwood High School rounded out one of the top 10 finishes with an eighth-place finish.







Easton Shaw rounded out the rest of the Norsemen golfing when he finished the day in 14th.

"I had some good holes and good shots," Mcwhirt said. "Back nine, it was okay. I didn't have hitting any of my shots exactly throughout the day while being some great shots there but other than that, it's been OK. ... I just freelance reporter, may be reached by really want to focus on making

sure I close the club facing, making sure that it goes straight and that I rotate and get my timing

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.

Olympics roundup: Fast day at pool, track on Day 7 of Tokyo Games

By JOSH DUBOW **Associated Press**

TOKYO — The Tokyo Games got their first swimming individual world record and a fast start to the track competition on Day 7 of the Olympics.

Tatjana Schoenmaker of South Africa won the women's 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2 minutes, 18.95 seconds, breaking the mark of 2:19.11 set by Rikke Moller Pedersen of Denmark at the 2013 world championships in Barcelona. The United States claimed

the other two medals. Lilly King set a blistering pace early in the race and held on for a silver in 2:19.92. Annie Lazor grabbed bronze in

"I wasn't expecting that at all," said Schoenmaker, who way at the Olympics, with added to her silver in the the women laying down 100 breast. "It couldn't have some very fast times in the been a better race. It still just 100 meters heats.

doesn't sink in, maybe one

Source: IOC & Sportradar

It was the third world record at the Tokyo Aquatics Centre, with the first two

coming in women's relays. Track and field is under-

Updated July 29 at 8:45 PM EDT There were no major surprises in the opening session at the Olympic Stadium, oth-

er than those early times in what promises to be a tight women's 100 battle. Defending Olympic champion Elaine Thompson-Herah won her heat in 10.82

seconds and fellow Jamai-

in 10.84 to win hers. Marie-Josée Ta Lou of Ivory time of the heats in a surprising 10.78 seconds.

"I'm in shock, actually," Ta Lou said. "But I know I'm

Six women finished in under 11 seconds. Teahna Daniels of the United States and Dina Asher-Smith of Britain also progressed. The women's 100 final is Saturday.

No Golden Slam

There will be no Golden Slam for Novak Djokovic.

The top-ranked Serb lost to Alexander Zverev of Germany 1-6, 3-6, 6-1 in the semifinals of the tennis tournament.

Djokovic was attempting to all four Grand Slam tour-

Fraser-Pryce cruised home Opens as well as Wimble- following a 2-2 draw with don this year and needed the Olympic and U.S. Open Coast laid down the fastest titles to complete the collection. Steffi Graf in 1988 remains the only tennis player to achieve the Golden Slam.

> Zverev's opponent in the gold-medal match will be Karen Khachanov of the Russian Olympic Commit-

> Djokovic came back on the court a little more than an hour later to play with Serbian partner Nina Stojanovic in the mixed doubles semifinals and lost that match, too, getting beaten by the Russian duo of Elena Vesnina and Aslan Karatsev 7-6 (4),

Shootout

Megan Rapinoe convertbecome the first man to win ed the deciding penalty in a shootout and the United naments and Olympic gold States advanced to the semiin the same year. He won finals of the women's Olymcan and favorite Shelly-Ann the Australian and French pic soccer tournament 4-2

the Netherlands.

United States goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher stopped Vivianne Meidema's opening attempt in the shootout. She then saved a shot from Aniek Nouwen before Rapinoe put her penalty away.

The United States will next face Canada, which advanced to the semifinals 4-3 on penalties after a scoreless draw with Brazil in Rifu.

Streaking

A'ja Wilson scored 20 points and Breanna Stewart added 15 to help the U.S. beat Japan 86-69 in the women's basketball tourna-

The U.S. has now won 51 consecutive games going back to the bronze medal game in the 1992 Olympics, although the team has looked far from sharp in its first two games at the Saitama Super

PULSE

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River. Crews will be conducting the bridgework seven miles south of Wabash between Whites Drive and Howell Road. The work is expected to last until mid-August. During construction, Indiana 13 will be reduced to one lane. Traffic should be prepared to stop and obey the temporary traffic signal. There's a width limit of 12 feet in the project

WCPL to hand out free books at CASA's Back to School Bash

The Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) will be handing out free books at CA-SA's Back to School Bash on Saturday, Aug. 7 at Wabash High School.

Blood donation opportunities scheduled

following The local American Red Cross blood donation opportunities have been scheduled: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10 at North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E. 2nd St., North Manchester; 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Urbana Yoke Parish Community Center, 16 E. Half St., Urbana; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 at Brandt's Harley Davidson, 1400 Cass St. For more information, visit RedCrossBlood.org, rcblood. org/fuel or rcblood.org/ CedarFair; call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767); or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Women's Suffrage in Indi-Bank of East Central Indiana ana," will be open to the pubhas planned tailgate food lic from Tuesdays through distributions for 11 a.m. Saturdays through Saturday, Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Aug. 21 at 122 E. Main St., Bachelor Creek Church of North Manchester. For more

Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Aug. 11 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410.

Salamonie Preschool offers 'S is for Snake' on Aug. 11

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "S is for Snake." Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Salamonie Lake workdays continue throughout summer

Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host volunteer workdays at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16; and 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, visit 260-468-2127.

NMCH celebrates 'Securing the Vote: Women's Suffrage in Indiana'

The North Manchester Cen-

ter for History (NMCH) invites visitors to enjoy a new traveling exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) marking the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which recognized a woman's right to vote. The exhibit, "Securing the Vote: Women's Suffrage in Indiana," will be open to the public from Tuesdays through Saturday, Aug. 21 at 122 E. Main St.,

information, call 260-982-0672 or visit www.north manchestercenterforhistory.

Clark Gallery exhibit presents rich contributions of Latino artists

"Artes Latinas in Wabash," on display through Sunday, Aug. 22 in the Honeywell Clark Gallery, presents the rich and varied contributions of Latino artists. The exhibit presents the artistic creations of professional artists. including various styles such as illustration, printmaking, muralism and painting, Works graphic design. featured in the exhibit are presented by Colombian, Puerto Rican, NuyoRican and Mexican artists. In addition, the exhibit features the artistic creations of Wabash County students who worked alongside visiting artist Ana Velazquez for We the Many, a project of Arts Midwest. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org.

'Liking for Biking' returns

Through Saturday, Aug. 28, anyone of any age or skill level who is interested in a free, family-friendly hour-long bike ride is invited to meet at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion, 351 W. Market St. Helmets are required. The next health assessment will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 inside of door 10 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive, while the rest of the rides will start at Paradise Spring Historical Park with wheels rolling at 9 a.m. For more information, www.visitwabashcounty.com/ adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

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